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STATE FOR SILVIA STANFIELD, EA/PRCM FROM SHOESMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, HK
SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON U.S. REGULATIONS ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS

REF: HONG KONG 10092 AND PREVIOUS

1. PER STANDIFLED - SHOESMITH TELECON 8/1/78, PLEASE PASS
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT SEMINAR TO SUSAN
KING, CHAIRMAN CPSC. THE INITIATIVE FOR THIS SEMINAR CAME
FROM THE FEDERATION OF HNG KONG INDUSTRIES (FHKO), WHICH
REQUESTED THA SSISTANCE OF CONGEN IN ARRANGING FOR U.S.
GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.

2. FHKI IN COOPERATION WITH ITS COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS
IN TAIWAN AND KOREA, INITIALLY OFFERED TO COVER THE COST OF
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, BUT
THIS OFFER WAS DECLINED. WE'VE CHECKED AGAIN, AND THIS OFFER
STILL STANDS. THUS, SOLE COST TO CPSC WILL BE AIR TRANSPORTATION,
IF COMMISSION NOW WISHES TO ACCET OFFER.

3. IN ADDITION TO ROBERT KING OF FISHER PRICE, ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DON BRETING, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND
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HARRY KUNTZELMANN - ASSOCIATE MANAGING ENGINEER, BOTH OF
UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES, AND NORMAN PUGH, GOVERMENTAL AND
TECHNICAL LIAISON, SEARS ROEBUCK & CO. TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE SEMINAR. CONGEN AGREED TO COSPONSOR H.K. SEMINAR AND
MATERIALS ALREADY PRINTED REFLECT THIS. THE ACTING DIRECTOR
OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, HKG, WILL
ADDRESS OPENING, AS WILL CG.

4. PROGRAM:

VENUE: HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, HONG KONG

DATE: 1978-09-07

TIME: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

8:30 REGISTRATION/RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS

9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS:

HON. JAMES M. H. WU - CHAIRMAN,

FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES

MR. T. P. SHOESMITH - CONSUL GENERAL,

U.S. CONSULATE IN ONG KONG

OPENING ADDRESS:

HON. WILLIAM DORWARD - ACTING DIRECTOR,

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY & CUSTOMS

9:30 PAPER I

THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT, (CPSA)

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC)

FEDERAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ACT (FHSA)

THIER PURPOSES, POWERS AND AUTHORITY

MRS. ELAINE BESSON - PROGRAM MANAGER FOR

CHILDREN'S HAZARDS, C.O.S.C.

10:15 DISCUSSION ON PAPER I

10:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00 PAPER II

SUBSTANTIAL HAZARD REPORTING, REQUIREMENTS

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AND PROCEDURES, COMPLIANCES AND ENFORCEMENT

PROGRAMS FOR EXISTING REGULATIONS

MR. DAVID THOME - COMPLIANCE OFFICER, C.P.S.C.

11:45 DISCUSSION ON PAPER II

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

TOY GROUP

2:00 PAPER IIIA

REGULATIONS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR

TOYS AND OTHER CHILDREN'S ARTICLES

MR. JOHN PRESTON - TECHNICAL EXPERT

ON TOY SAFETY, C.P.S.C.

PAPER IIIB

YOU, TOO, CAN MAKE SAFE TOYS

MAIN POINT DISCUSSION ON PS 72-76,

ADVICE ON PROPER USE OF SAFETY STANDARDS,

ADVICE TO MANUFACTURERS & EXPORTERS

MR. ROBERT KING - MANAGER, PRODUCT

SAFETY, FISHER-PRICE TOYS

3:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

3:45 DISCUSSION ON PAPER IIIA & IIIB

ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC GROUP

2:00 PAPER IVA

THE UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES, INC. (U.)

THE U.L. LISTING AND REQUIREMENTS

MR. DON BRETING - SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, U.L.

MR. HARRY KUNTZELMANN - ASSOCIATE MANAGING
ENGINEER, U.L.

PAPER IVB

AN IMPORTER/DISTRIBUTOR'S VIEWPOINT ON COMPLIANCE

WITH ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC REQUIREMENTS

MR. NORMAN PUGH - GOVERNMENTAL & TECHNICAL

LIAISON, SEARS ROEBUCK & CO.

3:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

3:45 DISCUSSION ON PAPER IVA & IVB

5. IN HONG KONG, FROM 150 TO 300 MAJOR MANUFACTURERS/
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EXPORTERS OF TOYS AND CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC
GOODS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SEMINAR. THEY WILL PAY A
PARTICIPATION FEE OF HK\$300 (US\$65) WHICH WILL BE USED TO
DEFRAY COSTS OF THE SEMINAR.

6. I MUST AGAIN EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING
OUR LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT AND THE
OPPORTUNITY IT OFFERS FOR PRESENTING AUTHORITATIVE
INFORMATION ON CPSC OBJECTIVES AND REGULATIONS TO AS
SELECT AUDIENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFFECTED
INDUSTRIES.
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